THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No, Sir. No representation has been received by the Government in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

Issue of Voter Identity Cards

1567. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Election Commission of India has issued instructions to the States where the elections to State Assemblies are due to be held in 2002 to accelerate the process of issuing Voter Identity Cards by November, 2001;

(b) if so, whether Voter Identity Cards have been issued to all the eligible persons in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and other States going for Assembly polls;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the persons not holding the Voter Identity Cards will be eligible to vote?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir. On 22.8.2000, the Election Commission of India issued a letter to the Chief Electoral Officers of five States and one Union Territory where the general elections to the Legislative Assemblies were due in 2001 and 2002 including the States of Uttar Pradesh and Punjab to concentrate on the programme of Electoral Photo Identity Cards to achieve a coverage of 85% or above. The matter was vigorously pursued from time to time to achieve the objective.

(b) and (c) According to the Election Commission of India, Photo Identity Cards cannot be issued to all the eligible persons at any given point of time. The issue of Photo Identity Cards to electors is not a project but a continuous/ongoing programme and no time frame can be fixed for the completion of the programme. The registration of the electors is a continuous process. Therefore, the

scheme of issuing Photo Identity Cards to electors is also a continuous programme and every new elector has also to be covered by the scheme. The status of the programme in this regard is given in the Statement-I *(see below)*

(d) The Election Commission has informed that it had issued separate instructions to the concerned authorities in the States of Punjab, Uttaranchal, Manipur and Uttar Pradesh prescribing documents other than Photo Identity Cards by which their identity could be established for the purpose of voting. The documents which were prescribed for identification are indicated in the Statement-II.

Statement-I

Status report on progress of Electors Photo Identity Cards as on 20.02.2002

Sl.No	States/UTs	Total Electors	Electors issued with Defect-free Identity Cards	Percentage (4 as % of 3)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	50,898,945	32,568,406	63.99
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	638,718	373,452	58.47
3.	Assam	14,426,221	67,479	0.47
4.	Bihar	58,438,317	21,681,836	37.10
5.	Goa	934,980	518,103	55.41
6.	Gujarat	30,437,773	23,177,051	76.15
7.	Haryana	12,248,696	9,105,465	74.34
8.	Himachal Pradesh	3,773,424	2,657,692	70.43
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	5,022,782	0	0.00
10.	Karnataka	35,123,307	24,612,144	70.07
11.	Kerala	22,835,568	18,344,689	80.33
12.	Madhya Pradesh	32,055,990	22,452,302	70.04
13.	Maharashtra	58,285,729	44,455,999	76.27
14.	Manipur	1,441,936	1,033,733	71.69
15.	Meghalaya	1,192,198	713,079	59.81

1	2	3	4	5
16.	Mizoram	457,434	0	0.00
17.	Nagaland	966,275	625,996	64.78
18.	Orissa	25,049,023	18,232,312	72.79
19.	Punjab	15,606,639	11,785,471	75.52
20.	Rajasthan	31,543,376	23,797,921	75.45
21.	Sikkim	257,062	200,077	77.83
22.	Tamil Nadu	47,365,189	31,662,414	66.85
23.	Tripura	1,848,602	1,249,171	67.57
24.	Uttar Pradesh	98,863,132	56,419,336	57.07
25.	West Bengal	48,672,291	41,699,354	85.67
26.	A & N Islands	258,296	195,072	75.52
27.	Chandigarh	538,607	381,048	70.75
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	111,847	86,800	77.61
29.	Daman & Diu	71,931	45,645	63.46
30.	NCT of Delhi	8,707,531	5,800,683	66.62
31.	Lakshadweep	36,738	31,813	86.59
32.	Pondicherry	658,927	555,675	84.33
33.	Chhattisgarh	12,737,705	5,398,879	42.39
34.	Jharkhand*	—	—	—
35.	Uttaranchal	5,167,525	2,726,709	52.77
	ALL INDIA TOTAL	626,672,714	402,655,806	64.25

*Included in Bihar. Separate figures for the States are not available.

NOTE: Programme in Assam and Mizoram is currently not underway as there are dispute regarding illegal immigration and citizenship issues.

Statement II

Documents prescribed besides identity cards for establishing the identity of the voters at the time of voting

(A) Common documents

(i) Passport

(ii) Driving licences

(iii) Income Tax Identity (PAN) cards

(iv) Service Idntity Cards issued to its employees by State/Central Government, Public Sector Undertakings, Local Bodies or other Private Industrial Houses
(v) Bank/Kisan/Post Office Passbooks
(vi) Ration Cards issued prior to 1.1.2002
(vii) SC/ST/OBC Certificates issued by competent authority
(viii) Student Identity Cards
(ix) Property documents such as Pattas, Registered Deeds, etc.
(x) Arms Licences
(xi) Conductor Licences issued by Transport Authority
(xii) Pension documents such as Ex-servicemen's pension book/pension payment order
(xiii) Ex-servicemen's widow/dependent certificates
(xiv) Railway/Bus passes
(xv) Certificate of physical handicap, and
(xvi) Freedom fighter identity cards.

(B) Additional documents specific to Uttar Pradsh
(i) Identity Cards issued to Advocates bearing photograph and registration number of the Bar Council of the High Court at Allahabad
(ii) Certificate of residence issued by Lekhpals (Village Administrative Officers)

(C) Additional documents specific to Manipur
(i) Identity Cards issued by Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Parishads and District Councils
(ii) Identity Cards issued by Chief Executive Officers/Executive Officers of Nagar Panchayats/Municipal Councils/Small Town Committees of Gram Panchayats and
(iii) Identity Cards issued by Panchayat Secretaries.

Quota for SCs/STs in Judiciary

1568. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the National Commission for SCs/STs has been demanding quota in judiciary;